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Doings In the State Legislature

MONDAY

PHOENIX, Jan. 10.—W. P. Sims of Cochise county was this afternoon chosen unanimously by the Democratic caucus to be president of the senate. This action followed immediately the first business of the caucus, which heard the withdrawal from the contest of Goldwater of Yavapai. No ballot was taken and it had generally been known that the contest for the honor was close, final poll showing Sims with a majority of two votes. When Goldwater arrived today he checked up his count and decided on the action subsequently taken.

Later the caucus agreed to elect Oscar Cole of Tucson secretary of the senate; Con Cronin of Santa Cruz, assistant secretary; Mike Hannon of Yuma, formerly of Lowell, sergeant at arms and J. D. Weatherford of Flagstaff, chief doorkeeper.

While the senators were caucusing the house Democrats held a conference at which an agreement was reached to go into caucus and settle the speakership. In the conference Vaughn of Maricopa and his supporters claimed sufficient votes to insure his election, the race having narrowed to himself and Brooks of Gila, by the withdrawal of Graham. He counted on the support of Yavapai, but when news reached the Yavapai representation that Goldwater had withdrawn they announced their intention to vote for Brooks, which shortly afterwards in the caucus brought about the election of Brooks, without opposition.

After it chose the speaker, the house caucus agreed to elect L. G. Sweeting of Graham, chief clerk; Peter Bunch of Nogales, assistant; W. B. Lanier of Hayden, reading clerk; Ray Leach of Tucson sergeant-at-arms; Rev. Crutchfield of Phoenix, chaplain. A. T. Hammons of Globe will be the legislature postmaster.

TUESDAY

After the usual committees notifying the governor and the opposite houses the organization had been perfected, a joint session was convened at which Governor Hunt read his message.

Numerous events of the last few days and suggestions from arriving legislators caused the governor to materially change certain phases of the text of his message with the result that no advance copies were available.

He vigorously defended the initiative and referendum and its advantageous use by the working classes of the state. He recommended a public defender for each county, a minimum wage for PHOENIX, Jan. 11.—The reading of the governor's message occupied the attention of the solons on the opening day, the usual excitement of organization having been lessened by the party caucus decision of Saturday.

Chief Justice Ross administered the oath of office to all members.

In the senate resolutions of respect, read and adopted, concerned two former members of that body who have died since the last session, Cuniff, of Yavapai, and Wessell, of Yuma women, increased acreage for prison and asylum forms, voters to declare their politics at the time of registration candidates to be elected when receiving a majority of the votes cast at the primary, would create a board of public welfare and a purchasing agent for government and state institutions and does not discuss capital punishment or mine taxation.

Arizona's two woman legislators, taking opposite sides on the smoking question, carried their points and established the supremacy of a single female wish over a large number of male votes in the senate and house.

Mrs. Rachel Barry, in the house, disliked smoking. A motion forbidding

it, inspired by her, carried.

In the senate members can smoke all they please. Mrs. Frances Munds not only approved of smoking but insisted that male legislators continue to smoke during the session.

WEDNESDAY

HOUSE

PHOENIX, Jan. 12.—Although the house did not meet until 1 o'clock, Speaker Brooks was hard at work on his committees shortly after the lark piped his matutinal lay. It was a man-sized job, but the speaker had the complete list ready for promulgation before adjournment this afternoon. The chairmen of the various committees are:

Ways and Means—W. J. Graham of Cochise.

Judiciary—Loren F. Vaughn of Maricopa.

Labor—Sheldon A. Reed of Pima. Mines and Mining—J. L. Leeper of Yavapai.

Appropriations—T. T. Powers of Maricopa.

Corporations—J. S. Merrill of Cochise.

Education—Wm. Marjar of Coconino. Good Roads—Mrs. Berry of Apache.

Agriculture and Irrigation—J. D. Lee of Graham.

County and County Affairs—O. F. Orthell of Yavapai.

Public Health and Statistics—W. I. Cook of Cochise.

Enrolling and Engrossing—J. H. Richardson of Pima.

Printing—J. B. Flannagan of Yuma.

Accounting and Business Methods—S. W. Proctor of Navajo.

Elections—Charles L. Francis of Cochise.

Constitutional amendment and Referendum—Sam Briscoe of Cochise.

NEW COMMITTEE

To the about list the speaker has added a new committee which he expects to be the most important of the entire list and before which will come the big problems knocking at the legislative door for relief. This is termed a committee for more efficient government, and John W. Buchanan of Pima is its chairman.

T. T. Powers was selected to lead the committee on appropriations.

That economy will be practiced by the second Arizona state legislature was shown by the decision of the lower house this afternoon to not pay attaches for overtime work.

A partial report was made by the committee on appointments. It showed the names of L. F. Sweeting (Greenlee) chief clerk; P. J. Munch (Santa Cruz), assistant chief clerk; Rev. Seaborn Crutchfield (Maricopa), chaplain; W. B. Lanier (Gila), reading clerk; M. J. Sullivan (Cochise), enrolling and engrossing clerk; Ray Leach (Pima), sergeant-at-arms; Geo. Patton (Coconino) doorkeeper; Kelly Mauer (Maricopa), page; Elias Williams (Maricopa), janitor.

SENATE

Interest in the senate session this morning centered in the appointment of the various committees upon which will devolve the real work of the coming weeks.

Here are the complete senate committees, the first name in each indicating the chairman:

Rules—Sims, Webb, Bacon.
Finance—Bacon, Lovin, McMillen, Karns, Webb, Campbell, Garvin.

Judiciary—Goldwater, Webb, Karns, Crabb, Kinney.

Public land—Riggs, Webb, Claridge, Garvin, Colter, Martin, Karns.

Labor—Chase, Kinney, Claridge, Riggs, McMillen.

Mines and Mining—McMillen, Kinney, Karns, Lovin, Martin.

Appropriations—Stapely, Campbell, Riggs, Martin, Kinney, Crabb, Coulter.

Banking and insurance—Drachman; Goldwater, Stapely, Kinney; Coulter.

Corporations—Martin, Garvin, Mc-

News of the State in Condensed Form

Clever Thief

A thief carried the war right into the camp of the enemy at Phoenix Saturday night. He needed a Prestolite tank, presumably for his automobile; entered the garage of City Manager Farish and detached that functionary's illuminating apparatus from his car. The police have not yet found the traditional clue.

Flood Does Damage

That the vicinity of Tucson is not the only section of the state which suffered from the recent flood is attested by three Tucson men who own a 640 acre ranch at Maricopa. Conductor Yancy of the Espee, Water Foreman Benzie of the same road and Max Pistor owner of the San Xavier hotel, are owners of the ranch. They report that flood water in some places one to two feet deep covered the ranch and did enormous damage. It filled up two wells, destroyed 30 tons of hay and washed away one-half mile of fence and one and one-half miles of ditch.

The water rushed around in little whirlpools which bored holes five and six feet deep. Their loss will reach \$3000.

Swallowed Carbolio Acid

Sid F. Mauk, manager of the Mauk Produce company of Globe, who accidentally swallowed carbolio acid last Monday, is reported to be recovering from the effects of the deadly liquid, but is still suffering greatly. Mr. Mauk had secured some medicine for a slight illness and later, when he intended to take a dose of the medicine, he picked up the wrong bottle and swallowed a portion of it before the fearful burning apprised him of his error.

New Phoenix Bank

Articles of incorporation of the Central Bank of Phoenix were filed Monday. This is the sixth bank in Phoenix and the third to be opened within a month.

Found Dead

B. W. Baker was found dead in his tent house on the Houston ranch one mile north of Tucson Saturday morning by members of the Houston family who went to the tent to serve him his breakfast. Baker died from the effects of a hemorrhage during the night. Coroner Comstock, County Attorney Hilzinger and Sheriff Forbes went to the place, and as there was nothing to show something to say about his career. He is on his honeymoon and accompanied by his wife, and Buchman, the official photographer for the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, they are making the trip over the Borderland route. When asked by a "Prospector" reporter how he liked the Borderland route, "Chimmie" just said "Fine, beats 'em all, and we are going to travel it all the way."

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that death had resulted from anything but natural causes, no inquest was held.

Bill Completed

The Mine Tax Congress of the Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress has completed the draft of a bill of which they will urge the adoption by the next legislature. Important details in differs little from the existing law which classes mines as productive and non-productive; the latter to be taxed as other real estate, and the productive to be assessed at a valuation to be arrived at by declaring a figure equal to 12 1/2 per cent of the gross proceeds plus four times the value of the net proceeds.

His Proposition

"Deport me if you want to but let me select the place," is the proposition that Yee Fung Wob, a Chinaman who is charged with illegal residence, has made to the Tucson United States immigration authorities.

New Agent

The new state agent for the boys' and girls' agricultural clubs which are being organized in connection with the university extension work will be Lee S. Parke, of Chandler, connected with the United States reclamation service. His appointment has been announced by the University of Arizona, and dates from January 1.

Mining Boom

Yavapai county mining districts and other contiguous districts are enjoying a small boom of prosperity. The McKinley Mining company, operating near Prescott, has completed financial arrangements and will at once proceed with the plan of exploration which has been held in abeyance for several months.

Chimmie McFadden

Visits Tombstone

"Chimmie" McFadden, celebrated newsboy, popularly known as the "Big Noise," was in town today for a brief few moments on his way to Bisbee and Douglas, where he will have something to say about his career. He is on his honeymoon and accompanied by his wife, and Buchman, the official photographer for the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, they are making the trip over the Borderland route. When asked by a "Prospector" reporter how he liked the Borderland route, "Chimmie" just said "Fine, beats 'em all, and we are going to travel it all the way."

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Arizona Chapter Is a Benefit

TUCSON, Jan. 12.—A recent editorial in the Arizona Gazette commented very favorably upon the organization of the Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress, and the benefits that may be derived from the same. The Arizona Chapter of the American Mining Congress was formed somewhat in protest of the conditions that have existed in the state for some time past. These conditions are chiefly in the form of adverse legislation, legislative propositions to withstand the attacks. It has been in the nature of a challenge and capital has not dared to enter.

Arizona is the greatest metal producing state in the Union, and is still an undeveloped state. The prosperity of the mines means the prosperity of the farmer, the merchant, the cattleman, and in fact, of everyone in the state. Money taken from the ground does not impoverish anyone, and it is the money from the east for mine payrolls that furnishes the money for circulation in Arizona.

The mines need assistance, not only in the matter of legislation, but in the state research work. The larger companies have their own corps of engineers, but there are over 1800 mines in the state whose owners are unable to do their own work for proper development. This is the province of the Arizona College of Mines, and to further this work the Board of Regents of the University are this year asking the legislature for a new mining building. The University needs it, the mines need it and the people need it.

There is another reason for asking for a more adequate mining building this year at the University. We have been practically assured that if we can house it, as will get a federal mine experiment station within the year. This would mean a great deal to the mining industry of the state.

To Investigate

Complaint Of Utah

PHOENIX, Jan. 13.—To investigate filed against the attorney general of Arizona by Attorney General Bacon of Utah, the state tax commission will meet with Mohave county officials and other interested parties at the Adams Hotel this morning.

The complaint, which may result in a big suit being filed against Arizona by her neighbor on the north, concerns the seizure and sale for taxes of stock; said to be owned by Utah ranchers.

The county assessor of Mohave county seized and sold for taxes a part of a herd of stock, which were being pastured in the region north of the Grand Canyon, and south of the Utah line. The Utah attorney general, whose complaint was filed yesterday, alleges that the stock in question was owned in Utah, and that its seizure and sale was illegal.

The complaint filed with the tax commission in addition by stock owners, states that a number of the animals seized were turned out where they could not obtain adequate pasture, and are now in such a condition that it is doubtful whether or not they will survive. Mohave county officials say that this herd is one that has been giving trouble for a number of years. It is stated that whenever the assessor attempted to list the stock in Arizona the herd would be found to have migrated to the state on the north, to return after the yearly assessment had been made.

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Inmates of County Hospital Don't Worry

DOUGLAS, Jan. 12.—County hospital and poor farm inmates were interviewed yesterday to ascertain, if possible, their plans for the future in case the enforcement of the so-called mothers' pension law puts the institution out of business. The result was a surprise. They have no plans for the future. Another strange thing is that every man at the hospital voted for the law which now threatens to throw him helpless on the world.

No better proof of the ambiguity of the title of the measure could be found. These men voted for it on the assumption that it would provide a pension for mothers and also a pension of \$15 a month for men over 60 years of age. They did not dream it meant the abolition of almshouses. Now they realize that even under its inadequate provisions not half of the inmates would be qualified to obtain its benefits.

Shooting Affray

At Douglas

DOUGLAS, January 12, 1915.—After having shot "Major" Jones hall porter of the Gadsden hotel, twice, William Garrett, one of the proprietors of a negro club located on the corner of H avenue and Eight street, fled from the city and, up to last night, had not been captured. The affray occurred about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night in the club-room. Jones, while painfully wounded is not thought to be in a serious condition.

The cause of the quarrel between the two men was a game of "Black Jack" which Garrett was running. Jones alleges that Garrett accused him of stealing a check off the table and cursing him, shot him.

An element of comedy, albeit somewhat grim, entered the affair when one of the excited habitués of the place called up an undertaking establishment immediately afterwards. A "dead wagon" was brought to the club and used as an ambulance, although Jones objected strenuously to taking the ride in the vehicle had to be forced by his negro friends before he would climb inside it.

Examination of his wounds showed that one ball passed through Jones' upper left arm, making a clean flesh wound. Another entered his left side near the shoulder, but inflicted a merely superficial injury.

Creswell Wants Fee

System Abolished

That the charging of fees for inspecting weighing and measuring devices of merchants of the state works a hardship on honest dealers, and allows unscrupulous ones to go free, is the statement of State Inspector O. N. Creswell who wants the system abolished.

In his report to the governor, Inspector Creswell points out that the system amounts to a tax on the careful business man, who is trying to give the public honest service and full measure, and that others, who do not ask for inspection, are not obliged to pay any of the costs of the work.

Relative to the proposal recently made by representatives of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association that permission be given for the use of condemned measures for other purposes than measuring, Mr. Creswell said, "The law expressly requires us to destroy all condemned apparatus which cannot be repaired, and were we to allow false measures to be kept, even for other purposes, the result would be a nullification of the purpose of the statute."

Suit Filed By Elks

A suit has been filed in Maricopa county superior court by J. L. B. Alexander, J. O. Graves and G. C. Driscoll, trustees of the Phoenix Beneficial Protective Order of Elks, against the Parker Woodman Amusement Company, a corporation. The amount sued for is \$375, which is charged, is rent paid due for the Elks' theater, the lease of which was taken over by the Parker Woodman Amusement company when they obtained the theatrical interests of A. H. Reeves, of Phoenix.

Assessors Pass Upon Important Matters

PHOENIX, Jan. 13.—Methods of listing and determining the valuation of all classes of property on the assessment roll were discussed yesterday when the county assessors of the state met in conference with the state tax commission. The conference, which is being held at the Adams hotel, will be continued today.

The meeting yesterday began with a discussion of the basis of valuation of irrigated lands both in large and small projects, and closed with the consideration of the method of valuing mining supplies. During the day the officials took up the manner of assessing dry farming and grazing land, railroad and private land grants, and producing and non-producing patented mines. Relative to the latter it was voted that the minimum assessment for lode claims for 1915 be fixed at \$36.30 per acre, or \$750 per full claim. The minimum on placer claims was fixed at \$10 per acre. It was decided to add saw mills to the abstracts.

Irrigated land, and water thereon, when supplied by private companies, were among the matters left to assessors to determine, although in this as in other cases, the commission will indicate the method to be employed. Private land grants were also left to county officials, no minimum rate per acre being prescribed. It was the recommendation of the assessors' conference that railroad grant lands be classified. It is expected that this work will be done under an agreement by which the state, county and railroad company will each pay one-third of the cost.

The conference, while divided on the question of assessment of producing mines, was of the opinion that if valuation was based on the same basis as in 1914, that it would show a decrease in return to the state. The session today will begin at 9:30 a. m.

Those here for the meeting are: C. S. Love, Apache; E. A. Hughes, Cochise; J. D. Dunn, Coconino; W. G. Duncan, Gila; J. M. Alfred, Graham; J. T. Bone, Maricopa; F. L. Hunt, Mohave; Fay Gardner, Navajo; L. E. Smith